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DOVER MAN SENTENCED IN COUNTERFEITING CASE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today **announced** that the United States District Court sentenced Timothy Hudon, 23, of Dover, New Hampshire, to 7 months of incarceration and two years of supervised release for his role in passing counterfeit ten and five dollar bills at several stores in the Dover, New Hampshire area. Hudon was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$60 to the stores that accepted the counterfeit bills.

Hudon was indicted on January 8, 2003 and charged with one count of violating federal law by passing counterfeit obligations and securities of the United States. The counterfeit notes were produced on a scanner/printer purchased at a local office supply store. Hudon and others passed the notes by making small purchases and offering the notes as payment. Hudon then would use the genuine currency received as change for additional purchases. Hudon enter a plea of guilty to the indictment on March 10, 2003.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The technology of producing counterfeit United States currency has changed from the significant expense and difficult process of offset printing to the relatively inexpensive and easier process of computer generation. The availability of high powered computers at relatively low cost allows criminals to produce counterfeit in small quantities at a time and thus avoid detection. The loss to our business community is significant, however, and my office will continue to prosecute those who choose to assault the integrity of our currency."

The Dover Police Department and the United States Secret Service investigated this case. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith.